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In re Application of:)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

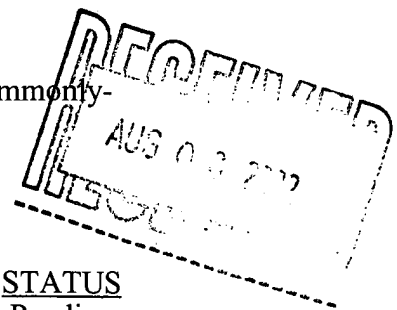
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following commonly-assigned, copending U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/536,303	03/27/2000	2852	Pending

A copy of the cited Application is also enclosed, but the application is not listed on the citation form..



FEE/STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the subject application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 5-75768 is discussed at least at page 2, lines 8 through 18 and page 3, line 10 through page 4, line 4 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 10-63084, and 10-63076 are discussed at least at page 2, line 8 through page 2, line 6 and page 4, lines 5 through 15 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,828,935 is identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document 10-63084.

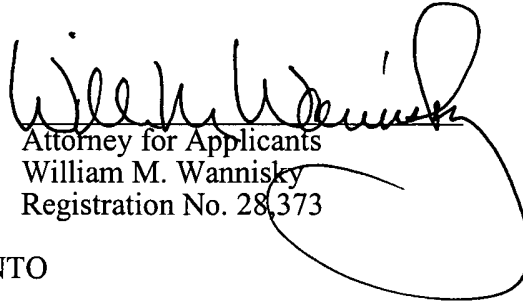
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating that the cited documents have, in fact, been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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